

REMARKS

Following a Supplemental Amendment filed on January 3, 2006, and a response mailed November 20, 2005 to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claims 1-14, 18-20, 34-47 and 51-53 were previously pending in this application. In this amendment, claims 1, 13, 34 and 46 have been amended and new claim 75 has been added. No claims have been cancelled. As a result claims 1-14, 18-20, 34-47, 51-53 and 75 are pending for examination, with claims 1, 6, 8, 13, 18, 34, 39, 41, 46, 51 and 75 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

A. Claim Amendments

Applicants' representatives spoke with the Examiner on December 27, 2005 and on January 3, 2006 regarding amendments to claims 1 and 34 proposed by the Examiner to clarify the claimed subject matter. The amendments herein to claims 1 and 34 reflect the language agreed upon during the conversations with the Examiner.

Claims 13 and 46 also have been amended herein to clarify the claimed subject matter and generally improve the readability of these claims.

B. **NOTICE OF COPIED CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§41.202(a)(1) and 10.23(c)(7)**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§41.202(a)(1) and 10.23(c)(7), Applicants hereby notify the Office that newly added claim 75 has been copied from U.S. Application Serial No. 10/773,897, filed February 6, 2004, naming Duncan Kerr and Steve Hotelling as an inventors (hereinafter, the "Kerr" application). In particular, new claim 75 is identical to currently pending claim 1 of the Kerr application.

The Kerr application was published on August 12, 2004 as publication no. US-2004-0156192. Compliance with 35 U.S.C. §135(b)(2) is not at issue, because the present application was filed on November 20, 2001, i.e., prior to the publication of the Kerr application.

The Kerr application claims priority to the following two provisional applications:

Serial No. 60/298,364, filed June 15, 2001, and entitled "ACTIVE ENCLOSURE FOR COMPUTING DEVICE;" and

Serial No. 60/315,571, filed August 28, 2001, and entitled "COMPUTING DEVICE WITH DYNAMIC ORNAMENTAL APPEARANCE."

The present application claims priority to several provisional applications, including Serial No. 60/262,153, filed January 17, 2001, and entitled "INFORMATION SYSTEM." Accordingly, the provisional application to which the present application claims priority predates both of the provisional applications to which the published Kerr application claims priority.

The subject matter of newly added claim 75 is supported throughout the specification of the present application as well as in provisional application Serial No. 60/262,153. In particular, specific support for the feature of "the indicator assembly being configured to produce an indicator image at an outer surface of the housing when activated" may be found at least on page 17, lines 5-10 and page 19, lines 12-15 of Serial No. 60/262,153. A copy of relevant portions of provisional application Serial No. 60/262,153 is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

New claim 75 is added to further define Applicants' contribution to the art, and is believed to patentably distinguish over the references cited thus far in the present application.

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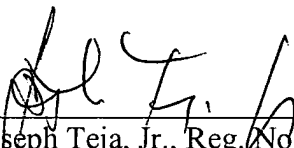
CONCLUSION

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, reference CKB-095.01.

Respectfully submitted,

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